

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

ROBINSON ET AL.

Examiner

Kathleen M Christman

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 03/22/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-27.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 07/03/2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach the specific combination of elements as claimed. In particular the prior art fails to teach generation of unique student identification information for each student in a school; identifying for each student third-party educational content programs to which that student has access; obtaining from a third-party educational content provider of said third-party educational content programs, user identification and password information for each student who has access to said third party educational content programs; storing said user identification and password information for each student and for each of said third-party educational content programs to which that student has access; requesting, from said third-party educational content provider, a third-party educational content program selected by a particular student to which said particular student has access, by sending said user identification and password information corresponding to the particular student to said third-party educational content provider; and delivering the requested third-party educational content program to said particular student, as in claim 26 and similar language in independent claims 1, 9, 17 and 20.

The prior art of record teaches several systems for granting access to users, particularly students, for a variety of educational content. Lotvin et al (US 5907831) even teaches the ability for a parent to designate third-party content for their child. However, Lotvin only teaches that these contents may be available and does not teach that the system receives password and user identification for the child from the third-party content providers. Nor does Lotvin teach such being stored. Pellegrino et al also teaches the use of third-party content. However, Pellegrino et al teaches the third-party content being incorporated into a lesson or presentation that is stored locally in the schools educational databases. Further the only limitations as to what third-party content a student may access is in the assignment of a locally stored presentation, which includes the third-party content to a student. Darago et al teaches a web-site for the viewing and retrieval of third-party content from a centralized site, like the site suggested by Lotvin et al. Further none of these references teaches the step of storing the user identification and password information for each of the courses that the student has access to. At most these references

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teach storing the user names and passwords for the student's access to a site that offers multiple courses.

Password management systems which store a user's password to multiple sites, and allow the user to only remember one password or log-in are known in the art. For example, Bari et al, Fang et al, Samar and Nielsen. None of these systems however, suggest their use in the environment of the instant invention. Nor is there any motivation within them for one of ordinary skill to modify any of the prior art teaching systems of record with such as a feature. Such a combination would be the result of impermissible hindsight.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion


2. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
 - a. Nielsen (US 6006333)
 - b. Fang et al (US 6243816 B1)
 - c. Bari et al (US 200/0023059 A1)
 - d. Samar (US 5778072)
 - e. Asad et al (US 6539093 B1)

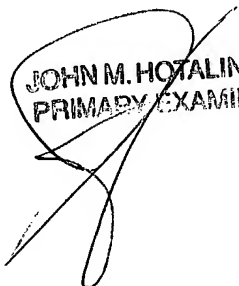
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kathleen M Christman whose telephone number is (703) 308-6374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on (703) 308-1745. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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